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Dear Interested Party,

The Mt. Hough and Beckwourth Ranger Districts of the Plumas National Forest are beginning the scoping process for the Moonlight Range Allotment Project. We are inviting you to submit comments to help refine the proposed activities. A detailed description of the project is available online at <http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=41559>. If you have questions, would like to request a hard copy of the detailed proposed action, or need additional information about this proposal or the comment procedures, please contact Kyla Sabo, Project Leader at (530)283-7619; email: [kylasabo@fs.fed.us](mailto:kylasabo@fs.fed.us).

The Moonlight Range Allotment Project is part of the Plumas National Forest Fire Restoration effort. Fire settlement funds received by the Forest Service provide a unique opportunity to restore ecosystem health, function and resilience within the areas affected by the Moonlight Fire. The purpose of this proposed action is to re-authorize continued livestock grazing, restore meadow systems, and improve riparian areas. Treatment activities include fencing some sensitive areas such as fens, streams and meadows, creating an additional corral and water trough, removing encroaching conifers from meadow systems, manually fixing head cuts, and revegetating disturbed areas.

The project is located on National Forest System (NFS) lands on the Plumas National Forest, Mt. Hough and Beckwourth Ranger Districts. The Antelope Allotment is located in all or portions of T27N, R12E, Sections 1-3, 10-13, T27N, R13E, Sections 2-11, 16-20, T28N, R11E, Sections 1, 11-14, 24, T28N, R12E, Sections 6, 8, 9, 13-29, 34-36, T28N, R13E, Sections 19 and 28-34. The Antelope Lake Allotment is located in all or portions of T27N, R12E, Sections 10-15, 22-27, T27N, R13E Sections 18, 19 and 30. The Lights Creek Allotment is located in all or portions of T27N, R10E, Sections 1-5, 8-29, 33-35, T27N R11E, Sections 5-8, 17-19 and 30. The Lone Rock Allotment is located in all or portions of T27N, R11E, Sections 1-4, 10-15, 24, T27N, R12E, Sections 3-10, 16-22, T28N, R11E, Sections 10, 11, 14-16, 21-28, 33-36, T28N, R12E, Sections 19, 20 and 28-34.

#### **Comments Welcome**

We are currently seeking information, comments, and assistance from state and local governments, tribes, and other individuals or organizations that may be interested in, or affected by, the proposed management activities. To assist the Forest Service in identifying and considering issues and concerns on the proposed action, comments should be as specific as possible. In order for your comments to be most useful, we would appreciate receiving them by



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July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Comments received in response to this solicitation, including names and addresses of those who comment, are part of the public record for this proposed action.

Comments submitted electronically must be in plain text (.txt), rich text format (.rtf), Word (.doc or .docx), or an email message to [comments-pacificsouthwest-plumas-beckwourth@fs.fed.us](mailto:comments-pacificsouthwest-plumas-beckwourth@fs.fed.us) or email [kylasabo@fs.fed.us](mailto:kylasabo@fs.fed.us). Please include **"Moonlight Range Allotment Project"** in the subject line.

Hard copy comments may be:

- Mailed to the attention of Janine Book, Acting Mt. Hough District Ranger and/or Matt Jedra, Acting Beckwourth District Ranger, c/o Kyla Sabo, Mt. Hough Ranger District, 39696 Highway 70, Quincy, CA 95971;
- Hand delivered weekdays (except holidays) between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. to the Mt. Hough Ranger District, 39696 Highway 70, Quincy, CA 95971;
- Faxed to 530-293-1821.

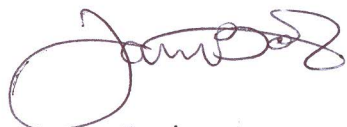
#### **Objection Regulations (36 CFR 218)**

The proposed project is subject to the pre-decisional review (or objection) regulations of 36 CFR §218 Subparts A and B.

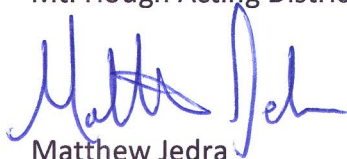
Only those who submit timely and specific written comments (defined by 36 CFR 218.1) during a designated public comment period established by the responsible official will have eligibility to file an objection (36 CFR §218.5). For this scoping comment period, the Forest Service would appreciate comments submitted by July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016, however the scoping period is open until the official 30-day comment period. For objection eligibility, each individual or representative from each entity submitting timely and specific written comments must either sign the comment or verify identity upon request. Individuals and organizations wishing to be eligible to object must meet the information requirements in §218.25(a) (3).

We appreciate your interest in public land management.

Sincerely,



Janine Book  
Mt. Hough Acting District Ranger



Matthew Jedra  
Beckwourth Acting District Ranger